



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **UPDATE: Amended Complaint Filed in Child Kidnapping Case**

Prosecutors filed an amended complaint against Robert Sok yesterday afternoon. Count one now is kidnapping to commit another crime. He also faces one count each of kidnapping of a victim under 14, failure to update sex offender registration and transient's violation of registration law.

The defendant is expected to be arraigned on the amended complaint on Jan. 29. If convicted as charged, he faces a maximum of life in state prison with the possibility of parole.

Jan. 22, 2014

### **Man Arraigned on Child Kidnapping Charges**

A Long Beach man, charged with kidnapping a young girl from a park, pleaded not guilty this afternoon, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Sok, 28 (dob 10/17/1985), appeared before Judge Laura Laesecke at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch in case NA098072.

Sok is charged with one count each of kidnapping for child molesting, kidnapping of a victim under 14, failure to update sex offender registration and transient's violation of registration law.

Prosecutors said that on Jan. 20, an 8-year-old girl was with her mother and grandmother walking in the park. The girl got ahead of her family, the prosecutor said, and Sok allegedly grabbed her.

The girl began to scream and Sok reportedly put his hand over her mouth, the prosecutor added. The mother and grandmother began to run after Sok and he dropped the girl.

A witness viewing the attack called police. Authorities responded to the scene, set up a perimeter and arrested the defendant.

Sok's bail was set at \$100,000. His next court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 29 for a preliminary hearing setting. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum of 12 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Signal Hill Police Department.

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